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SUBJECT: "Get the Sewing Machine Ready" - Information from clothing specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture

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In the spring....the homemaker's fancy...firmly turns...to sewing. It's a good thing too...especially this spring when so many families must depend on the home seamstress to get their wardrobes in shape.

So here's a timely tip from clothing specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Before you start that spring sewing...take time to clean your sewing machine. You'll save time in the long run and your machine will give you better service.

Perhaps you're one of the army of homemakers who gave their sewing machines thorough cleanings last year. In that case...chances are...all you need to do this year...is to give the machine a light going over. Here's what you do:

Use cleaning fluid to flush out the dirt and gummed oil that's collected during the year. Squirt the cleaning fluid into the oilholes and other places where you generally oil. Then run the machine a while. If you have an electric machine...play safe by running it by hand rather than by motor. Most cleaning fluids are inflammable...you know.

Next...wipe off the cleaning fluid and let the machine dry for a few hours. Then oil the machine...run it a little while...and wipe off any excess oil carefully.

If you've never cleaned and adjusted your sewing machine...you'll want some help. The U. S. Department of Agriculture has a bulletin that gives just the help you need. You may get a copy of this bulletin free. Just send a card with your name and address to the U. S. Department of Agriculture...Washington 25 D. C. Ask for the bulletin..."Sewing Machines."

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